

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the status of the claims to that as indicated below:

Claims 1-12 (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A pallet for use with a freight container, comprising:
a chassis having a leading edge, a trailing edge opposite the leading edge and a plurality of sides between the leading edge and the trailing edge;

locomotion means for rolling said chassis into, and out of, a freight container;
and,

locking means at two sides of, and located at, either the leading edge or the trailing edge of said pallet for use with a freight container for immobilizing said chassis within the freight container, said locking means being engagable with a container wall, or an adjacent pallet, to one side of said plurality of sides of said pallet for use with a freight container, and said locking means being further engagable with a container wall, or an adjacent pallet, to the leading edge or the trailing edge of said pallet for use with a freight container for preventing movement in mutually perpendicular directions in a horizontal plane.

14. (previously presented) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 13, wherein said locking means includes at least one roller mounted in said chassis.

15. (currently amended) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 13, wherein said locking means is positioned at two sides of the leading edge of said pallet for use with a freight container when said pallet for use with a freight container enters the freight container, said locking means being pivotally mounted about an axial member on said chassis, so that said locking means is substantially parallel to side walls of the freight container as said pallet for use with a freight container moves into, and out of, the freight container, but said locking means is rotatable outwardly from said chassis for engaging with the side walls of the freight container when said locking means contacts an interior rear wall of the freight container.

16. (previously presented) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 15, wherein said locking means includes two parallel faces pivotally connected adjacent one end to said axial member and separated by a container wall engaging member.

17. (previously presented) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 16, wherein the container wall engaging member is an additional axial member located between said two parallel faces about which a roller member is rotatable.

18. (currently amended) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 13, wherein said locking means includes a locking device adjacent existing corners of the trailing edge of said pallet for use with a freight container, said locking device being engagable with a side of the freight container.

19. (currently amended) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 18, wherein said locking device includes a body member welded to said trailing edge of said pallet for use with a freight container, said body member housing a screw member screwable outwardly, so that an outer extremity thereof engages a side wall of the freight container.

20. (previously presented) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 19, wherein said screw member is engagable with a wall of the freight container via a locking nut mounted on said screw member.

21. (currently amended) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 13, wherein said locking means includes a locking device located substantially centrally on said trailing edge of said pallet for use with a freight container, said locking device having an extensible member movable into close abutment with a rear door of the freight container.

22. (currently amended) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 21, further comprising a horizontal rod to which said extensible member is connected, said horizontal rod being rotatable between support members located on said trailing edge of said pallet for use with a freight container, said horizontal rod having at least one ratchet member engagable with a pawl, so that said extensible member is fixedly rotatable out from said trailing edge of said pallet for use with a freight container for abutting at least one door of the freight container.

23. (previously presented) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 22, wherein said at least one ratchet member comprises offset twin ratchets on said horizontal rod, each of said offset twin ratchets having a respective pawl, closely adjacent opposite ends of said extensible member.

24. (previously presented) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 13, wherein said locking means includes at least one locking device located at, or in close proximity to, a corner of said chassis.

25. (previously presented) A pallet for use with a freight container, comprising:
a chassis;

locomotion means for rolling said chassis into, and out of, a freight container;
and,

locking means for immobilizing said chassis within the freight container and being positioned at a side of a leading edge of said pallet when said pallet enters the freight container, said locking means being pivotally mounted about an axial member on said chassis, so that said locking means is substantially parallel to side walls of the freight container as said pallet moves into, and out of, the freight container, but said locking means is rotatable outwardly from said chassis for engaging with the side walls of the freight container when said locking means contacts an interior rear wall of the freight container.

26. (previously presented) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 25, wherein said locking means includes two parallel faces pivotally connected

adjacent one end to said axial member and separated by a container wall engaging member.

27. (previously presented) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 26, wherein the container wall engaging member is an additional axial member located between said two parallel faces about which a roller member is rotatable.

28. (previously presented) A pallet for use with a freight container, comprising:
a chassis;

locomotion means for rolling said chassis into, and out of, a freight container;

and,

locking means for immobilizing said chassis within the freight container, said locking means including a locking device adjacent existing corners of a trailing edge of said pallet and being engagable with a side of the freight container, said locking device further including a body member welded to said trailing edge of said pallet, said body member housing a screw member screwable outwardly, so that an outer extremity thereof engages a side wall of the freight container.

29. (previously presented) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 28, wherein said screw member is engagable with a wall of the freight container via a locking nut mounted on said screw member.